S6F20-2

H200.225P (Rev. 5-86)

HEALTH PROFILES FOR PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

Erie

1986

State Health Data Center

Dick Thornburgh, *Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*
H. Arnold Muller, M.D., *Secretary of Health*

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a legislative mandate to "protect the health of the people of the Commonwealth and to determine the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease." In order to advance toward these goals, we need statistical information on the health status of the population, the health care delivery system, and demographic and population characteristics.

The first health profiles were published in 1977 to provide a compendium of health data. These profiles have been updated and revised biennially, starting in 1978, to better meet the needs of governmental leaders, health program specialists, state and local planners, and concerned citizens.

The Health Profiles for Pennsylvania Counties are a series of 68 individual profiles - one for each county and one for the Commonwealth. The most recent information available was used. The year which the data represents is included in the profiles following each data item. Estimated population figures for 1984 are used throughout the profiles for the listed population as well as in the computation of all rates.

The major data source is the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health - specifically the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, the Annual Hospital and Long Term Care Questionnaires, the Uniform Data Collection System for drug and alcohol information and the Developmental Disabilities Facility Questionnaire as funded by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Additional sources include other units of the Department, (i.e. the Bureaus of Quality Assurance, Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, and Special Public Health Services), Pennsylvania State Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Pennsylvania Office of Employment Security and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The profiles will continue to be updated biennially, with the next edition available in 1988. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome. If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108, telephone number (717) 783-2548.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

1. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Total Land Area in Square Miles	813	Median Age of Population (1980)	29.2
Estimated Population (1984)	282,099	% Population Urban (1980)	72.4
Population per Square Mile (1984)	347	Per Capita Personal Income (1983)	$10,423
% Population Change 1980 to 1984	+ 0.8	% of Population Receiving Cash Assistance (1985)	7.4
Projected Population (1990)	286,484	% of Labor Force Unemployed-Annual Average (1985)	8.6
% Population Change 1980 to 1990	+ 2.4	% of Pop. Eligible for Medical Assistance (1985)	10.5

Estimated Population by Age and Sex (1984)

AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
ALL AGES	282,099	135,426	146,673	35-44	33,110	16,109	17,001
0-4	22,035	11,333	10,702	45-54	25,226	11,963	13,263
5-14	41,727	21,359	20,368	55-64	28,520	13,185	15,335
15-24	50,679	24,788	25,891	65+	33,509	13,452	20,057
25-34	47,293	23,237	24,056				

2. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES (1984)

Number of Marriages	2,381	Number of Divorces	960
Rate per 1,000 Population	8.4	Rate per 1,000 Population	3.4
Median Age of Bride	24	Median Age of Wife	32
Median Age of Groom	26	Median Age of Husband	34

3. NATALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Births	4,158
Rate per 1,000 Population	14.7
Median Age of Mother	26
% Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams)	7.0

Resident Births by Age of Mother, Number and Percent (1984)

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT	AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
ALL AGES	4,158	100.0	30-34	757	18.2
UNDER 15	8	0.2	35-39	191	4.6
15-19	516	12.4	40-44	29	0.7
20-24	1,243	29.9	45+	2	0.0
25-29	1,412	34.0	UNKNOWN	0	—

4. MORBIDITY (1985)

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Gonorrhea	388	Meningitis: Aseptic	11	Salmonellosis	49
Hepatitis: Type A	1	Meningitis: Meningococcal	15	Shigellosis	6
Hepatitis: Type B	9	Mumps	5	Syphilis	7
Hepatitis: Unspecified	0	Rubella	0	Tuberculosis	21
Hepatitis: Non-A/Non-B	1				

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

5. MORTALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Deaths	2,591	Number of Resident Infant Deaths	49
Crude Rate per 1,000 Population	9.2	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	11.8
Median Age at Death	74.2	Number of Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Accidents in Which Driver Had Been Drinking	16

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Number and Percent (1984)

All Ages			Under 5 Years of Age			5-24 Years of Age		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	964	37.2	Perinatal Conditions	25	48.1	Accidents, All Forms	29	59.2
Cancer	596	23.0	Congenital Anomalies	14	26.9	Cancer	5	10.2
Cerebrovascular Disease	244	9.4				Suicide	5	10.2
Accidents, All Forms	89	3.4				Pneumonia and Influenza	2	4.1
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	81	3.1						
All Other	617	23.8	All Other	13	25.0	All Other	8	16.3
TOTAL	2,591	100.0	TOTAL	52	100.0	TOTAL	48	100.0

25-44 Years of Age			45-64 Years of Age			65 Years of Age and Over		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Accidents, All Forms	22	22.4	Heart Disease	178	36.8	Heart Disease	765	40.1
Heart Disease	19	19.4	Cancer	176	36.4	Cancer	398	20.9
Cancer	17	17.3	Cerebrovascular Disease	25	5.2	Cerebrovascular Disease	213	11.2
Suicide	11	11.2	Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	18	3.7	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	71	3.7
			Accidents, All Forms	14	2.9	Pneumonia and Influenza	65	3.4
All Other	29	29.6	All Other	73	15.1	All Other	396	20.8
TOTAL	98	100.0	TOTAL	484	100.0	TOTAL	1,908	100.0

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES

1. HOSPITALS (1985)

Number of Hospitals by Type:

Total	General Acute Care	Psychiatric	Rehabilitation	Federal	Other
9	6	0	1	1	1

Number of General Hospitals with the Following Ambulatory Care Services/Facilities:

Community Mental Health Center	2	Structured Clinics	4	Emergency Services Capability:			
Home Health Service	2	Family Practice Center	5	Limited	0	General	3
				Basic	1	Comprehensive	2

Number of General/Specialty Hospitals with Neonatal Units:

Well Infant Nursery	6	Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit	2	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	1

General Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	1,486	5.3
Admissions	54,873	194.5

Specialty and Federal Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	222	0.8
Admissions	3,719	13.2

Average General Hospital Semi-Private Daily Room Rate $195

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES (Continued)

2. NURSING HOMES (1984)

Licensed/Approved Facilities by Level of Care and Certification

Type of Facility	Total	Certified-Medicare	Certified-Medicaid
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	5	5	5
Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)	1	0	1
SNF/ICF Combined Facility	12	11	11
TOTAL	18	16	17

Level of Care	Number of Licensed/ Approved Beds	Number per 1,000 Population Aged 65 and Over
Skilled	1,430	42.7
Intermediate	722	21.5
Total (SNF + ICF)	2,152	64.2

Median Age of Residents in Long Term Care Facilities 82.3

Median Semi-Private Daily Room Rate
Skilled $57
Intermediate $51

3. OTHER HEALTH SERVICES/FACILITIES

a. Drug and Alcohol Treatment (1985)

Admissions to State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities

Number of Facilities	Total Admissions	Primary Diagnosis: Drug Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Alcohol Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Other*	Percent First Admissions
18	1,465	313	1,006	146	35.5

Number of State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities Providing Specified Services

Inpatient Non-Hospital	Inpatient Hospital	Correctional Institution	Partial Hospitalization	Outpatient	Shelter
7	4	0	0	10	1

*Includes family members receiving counseling.

b. Emergency Health Services (1985)

Certified Emergency Medical Technicians	788	Certified Paramedics I	16
Ambulance Providers	31	Certified Paramedics II	48

c. Agencies/Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (1983)

Total Number of Agencies/Facilities 9

Total Serving the Following Disabilities:

Mental Retardation	5	Autism	4	Muscular Dystrophy	7
Cerebral Palsy	7	Learning Disabilities	6	Other	7
Epilepsy	6	Multiple Sclerosis	6		

d. Primary Health Care Centers (1985)

Number of Agencies 4

e. Licensed Boarding Homes (1985)

Number of Homes 13